

Important Information Regarding Trade Bans on Various Products

I. Avian Influenza Bans

Japan currently prohibits the importation of certain poultry products from the below states, depending on the production dates. **Exporters should verify prior to shipment what certification statements are necessary.**^{***}

Fresh poultry products may not be exported from states noted in red below.

State	<u>Ineligible Product- Production Date</u>
Arkansas	All product except that which is produced on or before May 9, 2008.
Connecticut	Product produced prior to November 10, 2006
Delaware	Product produced prior to July 8, 2004
Idaho	All product except that which is produced prior to August 5, 2008.
Maryland	Product produced prior to July 22, 2004
New Jersey	All product except that which is produced on or before January 15, 2008.
Pennsylvania	Product produced prior to November 10, 2006
Minnesota	Product produced on or after March 29, 2007 but before September 14, 2007
Nebraska	Product produced on or after May 23, 2007 but before November 30, 2007
New Hampshire	All product except that which is produced prior to July 8, 2008.
New York	Product produced prior to Feb 22, 2008 or after April 10, 2008
South Dakota	Product produced May 24, 2007-October 11, 2007, and product produced October 17, 2007-March 20, 2008.
Rhode Island	Product produced prior to August 24, 2004
Texas	Product produced prior to October 7, 2004
Virginia	Product produced on or after June 15, 2007 but before November 11, 2007
West Virginia	Product produced between March 10, 2007 and August 2, 2007

^{***}**Fresh poultry products are believed to require certification statements that they did not transit “banned” states identified in red above.**

Banned products include blown egg shells for ornamental purposes- even if the shells are disinfected or otherwise treated.

KNOWN EXCEPTIONS TO BAN-

- Finished, packaged, shelf-stable dry (“crunchy” or hermetically-sealed) pet food is not subject to these bans.
- Feathers (special certification required- may be required to be fumigated at port of entry).

II. Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy Bans

The only exceptions to the following bans are the items with protocols listed on the previous page (items that meet all requirements of those protocols).

All products derived from cattle, sheep, goats, & products are prohibited.

Also prohibited regardless of species of origin (these materials are prohibited import even if derived from animals other than ruminants): bone meal, meat meal, meat-and-bone meal, blood meal, blood products (other than those used for cosmetics, pharmaceuticals, medical devices and specific research or experiment), skin meal (including leather meal), feather meal, hoof meal, horn meal, offal meal, hydrolyzed protein, fish meal, animal fat/oil, powdered animal fat/oil, greaves, dicalcium phosphate, gelatin, collagen, ossein, or any products containing these items which may be used as livestock feed or fertilizers.